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General,...

SENATOR WESELY: One minute.

SENATOR HILGERT: ...and at that time perhaps we would have an opportunity to express one of the few valid, substantive concerns Senator Jones illuminated. We'll be able to amend it perhaps at that time. But please, let's not take it out on our Class I educators, as Senator Withem said, throwing them to the wolves. This amendment is the right thing to do to preserve quality education in the state of Nebraska, and I would encourage its advance. Thank you.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Senator Hilgert. The question before the house is the adoption of the Hilgert amendment. Those in favor indicate by voting aye, those opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Been a request for a record vote. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read record vote as found on pages 1653-54 of the Legislative Journal.) 15 ayes, 19 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. The amendment fails. Next item.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Schrock would move to amend this component of the committee amendments. (See AM1502 on page 1583 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR WESELY: Chair recognizes Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, this amendment is a biggie for me, and it's a big one for all of those who live in a Class I district. Right now, if the school district dissolves or merges, it's voted upon by the patrons in that district. Under LB 806 the school board of the receiving district can close a Class I school district down, and that's not very acceptable to me. If this amendment that I have offered cannot be adopted, I hope something can be done before 806 reaches Final Reading that can accommodate the needs of a Class I district. I don't believe a Class I district should be